



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ken Mensing/Tom Powell Collinsville Region DATE: 9/21/89

FROM: Casteel ☒ Information only

SUBJECT: Cerro Copper/Sauget St. Clair County ☐ Response requested
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I received a call from Glenn Augustine, reporter with KSDK-TV Ch 5 in St. Louis. Mr. Augustine called to check if the IEPA had been notified of an incident near Cerro Copper in Sauget. According to Augustine, Dr. Matthew Emons of Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis treated a patient for exposure to toxic fumes/chemicals. Augustine reported that workers for Pyramid Electric Company hit a buried drum near the Cerro Copper property by using an auger, presumably to drill a hole for utility lines.

No incident report has been filed with the IEPA or IESDA.

The persons involved in the incident noticed a bright yellow substance after extracting the lid of the drum with the auger. Samples were sent to Monsanto for testing.

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